



NEWSLETTER

Volunteer News

Roseberry School normally prefers experienced primary teachers who can offer advice and assistance to our staff in the school as well as doing some teaching. However they made an exception for 17 year old Tom Jones (son of Rob) who spent a fascinating two days with various classes while his father filmed. He introduced the story of Captain Cook with resources bought in the UK or that he had prepared.

Later in the year retired primary teachers Jill and Pat travelled to Darjeeling with their husbands. Pat's husband Denis donated 6 laptops to the school and both men were kept busy organising internet connections and getting the laptops up and running for use by the teachers. Jill and Pat spent the week in the classroom teaching lessons they had prepared with our teachers watching and learning about modern approaches. They also bought quantities of resources to leave in the school.

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Letter From Helen Jones

During this year some big changes have been taking place at Roseberry School. In January the earthquake damaged pre-school base was demolished allowing the team to carry out major works stabilising the slope below. It was a very complicated task but produced a large flat area on which the replacement building now stands. The structural work is completed but we have to wait for the building to dry out before it can be equipped ready for use at the start of the next school year in March. The new building is considerably larger than the original pre-school base, creating the opportunity for a range of new activities. In the midst of the building chaos, SAI Trustee Rob Jones of Noovo Creative arrived in Darjeeling to make a short



documentary about the school. He was very impressed with what he saw and provided valuable feedback to the other Trustees. One of Rob's comments related to the lack of resources, a perennial issue, which we are continually striving to remedy on our shoestring budget. Rob's short film is available on our website at www.schoolaidindia.org in the News section. It is a great testimony to the work of the Darjeeling team and shows that School Aid India really is helping to change lives.

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